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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 19999

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, EG, IS
SUBJ: ISRAELI OIL EXPLORATION/PRODUCTION IN SINAI

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 10974,

1. CAIRO ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY AUGUST 29 CARRIED FOLLOWING
UPI ARTICLE DATED TEL AVIV AUGUST 28: BEGIN ITEM.
ISRAEL STRIKES OIL IN SUEZ COAST GULF. SIGN OF POSSIBLY
COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES OF OIL HAVE BEEN FOUND IN A NEW FIELD
ON THE GULF OF SUEZ COAST IN THE ISRAELI-OCCUPIED EGYPTIAN
SINAI DESERT, THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY SAID TODAY.

- THE OIL FIELD IS NORTH OF THE ALMA WELL IN THE ATUR
DISTRICT WHERE ISRAEL STRUCK OIL ON NOVEMBER 1977. END ITEM.

2. NO ARABIC LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER CARRIED REPORT.

3. COMMENT: REPORTED NEW FIELD PROBABLY CORRESPONDS TO
NEW WELL "Yael-1" DESCRIBED REFTELS. DIRECTOR OF GULF OF
SUEZ PETROLEUM CO (GUPCO) TELLS US HE BELIEVES WELL IS
LOCATED NORTHEAST OF ALMA FIELD, CLOSER TO EASTERN SHORE.
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GUPCO CREWS HAVE REPORTED NO NEW ACTIVITY BY ISRAELIS IN
OBSERVABLE AREA EAST OF ISRAELI-PATROLLED OFFSHORE
BOUNDARY. GUPCO DIRECTOR ADDED THAT "ATUR" MENTIONED IN
ARTICLE IS DESIGNATED "EL-TOR" ON MOST MAPS AND IS LOCATED
AT LAT: 28 DEGREES, 12', LONG: 33 DEGREES, 38'. AREA
WHERE NEW WELL IS REPORTEDLY BEING DRILLED FALLS WITHIN
GUPCO-AMOCO CONCESSION OF 1964. MATTHEWS

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